

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl.<sup>7</sup> B29C41/28, C08J5/18, G02B5/30 // B29K1:00, B29L7:00

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Japanese Utility Model Gazette 1926-2004, Japanese Publication or Unexamined Utility Model Applications 1971-2004, Japanese Registered Utility Model Gazette 1994-2004, Japanese Gazette Containing the Utility Model 1996-2004

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 00/65384 A1 (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.)	1-4, 12
X	2000.11.02, page 75-77, Examples & EP 1182470 A1	13-15, 17-19
Y	WO 01/88574 A1 (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.)	1-4, 12
X	2001.11.22, claims, examples 1, 10, 11, 14, 22, 45, 46 & EP 1300701 A1 & JP 2002-40487 A & JP 2002-71948 A & JP 2002-82226 A & JP 2002-139621 A & JP 2002-169023 A	13-15, 17-19



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## C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	EP 647671 A1 (TEIJIN LIMITED) 1995.04.12 claims, LINE 5-18 page 5 & US 5695694 A & JP 8-323785 A	1-4, 12
Y	JP 2001-113545 A (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.) 2001.04.24 , claims, [0014] - [0018] (FAMILY NONE)	1-4, 12
Y	JP 11-58425 A (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.) 1999.03.02 , claims, (FAMILY NONE)	1-4, 12
X	WO 02/46808 A1 (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.)	8-19
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X	JP 2002-131549 A (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.) 2002.05.09	8-19
Y	claims [0005] [0049] - [0057] (FAMILY NONE)	1-4
X	JP 2002-267844 A (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.) 2002.09.18	8-19
Y	claims, [0058] - [0061] (FAMILY NONE)	1-4
X	JP 5-194788 A (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.) 1993.08.03 claims, [162] - [174] (FAMILY NONE)	8-13
X	JP 2002-127168 A (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.) 2002.05.08 claims, [0025] - [0026] (FAMILY NONE)	8-15
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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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on an extra sheet:

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The "special technical features" of claim 1-5 relates to [A process for producing a cellulose acylate film, the process comprising: a step of preparing a cellulose acylate solution containing 0.01 to 20 parts by weight of an aromatic compound having at least two aromatic rings relative to 100 parts by weight of a cellulose acylate, a step of casting the cellulose acylate solution on a band or a drum; and a step of blowing a gas on the cast cellulose acylate solution at an effective wind speed of at least 10m/min during a first half of drying prior to peel-off.] while the "special technical features" of claim 5-7 relates to [A process for producing a cellulose acylate film, the process comprising: a step of preparing a cellulose acylate solution containing a cellulose acylate, a functional additive, a first organic solvent, and a second organic solvent, the solubilities of the functional additive in the first organic solvent and the second organic solvent being different; a step of casting the cellulose acylate solution on a band or a drum; and a step of drying the cast cellulose acylate solution so as to remove the organic solvents therefrom; wherein the solvent composition of mixed organic solvent in the cast cellulose acylate solution changes during the drying step, and when S1 (\*\*) (solids weight concentration of the functional additive) is the solubility of the functional additive at \*\* C in the mixed organic solvent having a solvent composition where the proportion by weight of the first organic solvent, in which the solubility of the functional additive is the lowest, is the highest in the mixed organic solvent, and S0(\*) (solids weight concentration of the functional additive) is the solubility of the functional additive at \* C in the mixed organic solvent of the solvent composition in the step of preparing the cellulose acylate solution, then for the cellulose acylate solution that is cast,  $0 < S0(*) - S1(**) < 12.5$  or  $S1(**)/S0(*) > 0.5$ ]. And while the "special technical features" of claim 8-11 relates to [A process for producing a cellulose acylate film, the process comprising: a step of preparing a cellulose acylate solution containing a cellulose acylate (a), an additive (b) selected from the group consisting of a plasticizer, a retardation control agent, a degradation inhibitor, and a UV absorbing agent, and an organic solvent or a mixed organic solvent (c); a step of casting the cellulose acylate solution on a band or a drum; and a step of drying the cast cellulose acylate solution so as to remove the organic solvent therefrom; wherein for the cellulose acylate solution that is cast, the heat of solution  $\Delta H_s$  of the additive (b) in the organic solvent or mixed organic solvent (c) is larger than the heat of solution  $\Delta H_s$  thereof in a solution in which only the cellulose acylate (a) is dissolved, and  $\Delta H_0 - \Delta H_s$  is 0.3 kcal/mol or more. A process for producing a cellulose acylate film, the process comprising: a step of preparing a cellulose acylate solution containing a cellulose acylate (a), an additive (b') selected from the group consisting of a retardation control agent, a degradation inhibitor, and a UV absorbing agent, a plasticizer (b1), and an organic solvent or a mixed organic solvent (c); a step of casting the cellulose acylate

solution on a band or a drum; and a step of drying the cast cellulose acylate solution so as to remove the organic solvent therefrom; wherein for the cellulose acylate solution that is cast, the heat of solution  $\Delta H_0$  of the additive (b') in the organic solvent or mixed organic solvent (c) is larger than 2.0 the heat of solution  $\Delta H_0$  thereof in a solution in which the plasticizer (b1) alone is dissolved, and  $\Delta H_0$  is 0.3 kcal/mol or more.]

There is no technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding technical features. Therefore, these three groups of inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.